

CITY OF STATHAM

MINUTES

Statham Community Center

336 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



REGULAR MEETING – March 19, 2024

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 6: 30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Krause and Councilmembers Bogenrieder, Burnette, Patterson, Penn, and Terilli.

Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Administrator Cheryl Venable, Acting City Clerk Ashya Fambrough, and PD Personnel.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE - Mayor Krause led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Krause asked for a motion to add Captain Jessie Knight to the agenda following Minute Approval to give a Fire Marshall Report. Councilmember Penn made a motion to add the Fire Marshall’s Report after the Minute Approval. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. March 5, 2024, Work Session Minutes
2. March 12, 2024, Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Terilli made a motion to approve the March 5, 2024, Work Session Minutes and the March 12, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Captain Jessie Knight provided an update of the Fire Marshal’s Office. From January 1, 2024, to present the Statham Station has responded to 259 incidents, the Med Unit respond to 358 incidents. There have been 37 inspections conducted for Statham. For the month of February, the Marshall’s Office received 977 calls, 1,891 emails, 75 meetings, 167 plans reviewed, conducted 239 inspections. The council thanked him and his team for their hard work. He noted that Statham station is on the list for remodel.

VOTING ITEMS

1. **R-23-04 Rezoning** (*Tabled from the January 30, 2024 Regular Meeting*): PLG, LLC, c/o Anderson, Tate and Carr, by Melody A. Glouton, applicant, ARJAC Enterprises, Inc., property owner, seeks rezoning from RR, Rural Residential District and SR-2, Suburban Residential District to PUD, Planned Unit Development of 69.59 acres (Map/Parcels ST04/058, 25.074 acres; ST04/059, 26.046 acres; and part of ST04/095B, 18.470 acres)

fronting on the north and west side of Jefferson Street across from and north of Bear Creek Middle School. Proposed use: Single-family detached subdivision (123 homes/lots).

Counselor Campbell noted that this item has been tabled multiple times and they are aware of the sewer issues. They want to protect their place in line and that can be done by a consent order. It would put the application on hold until the applicant asks to bring it back. They are requesting this item be tabled at the April Regular Meeting to allow time for the consent order to be drafted by them and reviewed by the City. Councilmember Terilli made a motion to table the rezone to the April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting. Councilmember Bogenrieder seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. AWARD HAMMOND ROAD LMIG PROJECT 2024-1

City Administrator Cheryl Venable noted that the sealed bids were opened on March 4, 2024, at City Hall with Mayor Krause, Jordan McDaniel, All About Asphalt, and herself in attendance. There were 2 sealed bids: All About Asphalt and Pittman Construction at \$106,141.00 and \$105,680.00 respectively. The scope of work is the same for both and she recommends Pittman Construction; she feels both would do a wonderful job, but Pittman Construction is the lower price. Councilmember Penn asked about the timeline. Work will begin within 45 days but could take longer based on jobs ahead of it. Councilmember Burnette asked about completion time. The work should take about 4-5 days. Councilmember Terilli asked about the process if more funds are needed. Cheryl outlined that Chris Deals and herself would go onsite to verify the need and discuss the amount and then provide the information to Council for approval. Councilmember Burnette made a motion to accept the Hammond Rd. LMIG project and accept the quote from Pittman Construction in the amount of \$105,680.00. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. O-24-02 Ordinance Amending the FY23 Budget: *Second reading.* To approve an FY23 Budget Amendment Ordinance; to maintain a balanced budget by department per Georgia law, the city is required to amend the following department budgets and their respectful line items to maintain a balanced department.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve Ordinance O-24-02. Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Acceptance

Councilmember Penn made a motion to accept the FY23 audit and to authorize the mayor to sign and submit the audit to the state. Councilmember Terilli seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
2. Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was pending or potential litigation.

At 6:56 p.m. Councilmember Terilli made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss employment and litigation. Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 7:27 p.m. with Councilmember Penn making the motion to exit. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Campbell stated that all discussions held in Executive Session are protected as Attorney/Client Privilege and that no votes were conducted during the session and asked Council if a vote was needed.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to accept the appointment of Denise Peters as City Clerk at the salary of \$57,200.00 annually. Councilmember Bogenrieder seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Krause asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Terilli made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Burnette seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.